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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicants have elected the apparatus claims of Group III. However, it is respectfully submitted that since the method claims correspond essentially to the apparatus claims, are in the same class and sub-class, and merely set forth the steps carried out by the apparatus, the Examiner should be able to examine these claims without undue burden.

The applicants also elect species III of Figure 35 in the event no generic claim is held allowable.

Claims 69 to 81 and 85 to 87, and newly added claim 90 read onto the embodiment of Figure 35 (species 3). In addition, newly amended claims 40, 43, 48, 61 and 62 read onto species 3. These claims have been amended to depend on the apparatus claims.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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